



26th Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique (January 31 – February 7, 2024)

Tradition respected...

The 26th Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique promises, one more time, to be a remarkable event, thanks to the diversity and authenticity of its route, starting with the comebacks of Glasgow and Milano as starting cities. This 2024 edition will be as seductive as it was wished by the Organizing Committee at Automobile Club de Monaco (ACM), with several Regularity Stages (SR) on the menu where legendary pages of the event were written! Crews will again be fighting for one of the ultimate wins in historic motor racing, trying to replicate the success of Claudio Enz and Cristina Seeberger, the winners in 2023 in a 1970 Lancia Fulvia 1.3 S.

Three days only after the finish of the 92th Monte-Carlo Rally, the crews allowed to take part in the 26th Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique will have to face a very selective route as well. As always, the Historic version of the prestigious WRC event will be reserved to older cars having participated in previous editions of the Monte Carlo Rally, from 1911 to 1983.

The start of this 2024 edition will be given on **Wednesday January 31**, for the Concentration Route initiating in **Glasgow**. Then, on **Thursday February 1**, **Bad Homburg, Reims and Milano** will follow suit, with a common objective: **the Principality of Monaco**. A rallying point where the first crews are expected on **Friday February 2** in the afternoon.

The first timed portions are scheduled as soon as **Saturday February 3**, for the **Classification Leg** between **Monaco** (first crew starting at **7 am**) and **Valence, the Drôme préfecture** and once more a **Host-City**. With four Regularity Stages to take on, this first race day will not be a stroll in the park, starting with a magnificent stage: « **Soleilhas – Castellane / SR1 / 9:55 am / 16.087 km** », where the final portion looks down on Lac de Chaudanne, followed by « **Chaudon-Norante – Digne-les-Bains / SR2 / 11:15 am / 16.085 km** » via the renowned Col de Corobin (1211m). Then the midday checkpoint will also be set up in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence préfecture, on Tampinet Square, from **12:10 pm**. Driving back to the Drôme will be the afternoon topic, starting with « **Ventavon – Chabestan / SR3 / 1:35 pm / 20.292 km** » through Col de Faye (922m), followed by the Vercors massif and « **La Cîme du Mas – Col Gaudissart / SR4 / 17km / 4:20 pm / 17.535 km** », including the tricky Col de l'Écharasson (1146m). One last checkpoint is planned at **Saint-Jean-en-Royans** from **5:15 pm**, in order to regulate the crews expected at **Champ de Mars** in **Valence** from **6:30 pm**.

Ardèche will be on the cards for **Sunday February 4**, starting at **8 am** for **Part 1** of the **Common Leg**. Crews will have to check in **Privas** at **9:15 am**, before heading for « **Lyas - Pourchères / SR5 / 9:25 am / 20.398 km** », a stage which has not been used since the 90s. Then, on the road section, a traditional pause will take place in front of La Remise from **10:50 am**, where the Jouanny Family will celebrate its 60 years in style, with a brand new red and white patch of asphalt in front of the legendary restaurant to welcome the competitors. A good way to prepare for a rare version of Burzet, « **Freyssenet – Saint-Martial / SR6 / 11:30 am / 28.245 km** ». The midday pause will happen from **1:10 pm** on Place du Marché in **Saint-Agrève**, where all crews and staff will spend a pleasant time tasting local produce, before taking on « **Saint-Bonnet-le-Froid / SR7 / 1:45 pm / 27.193 km** » followed by « **Lalouvesc – Labatie-d'Andaure / SR8 / 2:55 pm / 24.025**



km ». On the way to **Valence (5:35 pm)**, another tradition will be respected with a popular and festive stop on **Quai Farconnet** in **Tournon-sur-Rhône** from **4:50 pm**.

Two other massifs, Diois and Baronnies, will host **Part 2** of the **Common Leg**, on **Monday February 5**, starting at **8 am**. On the menu, the first course will be « **Valdrôme – La Pierre / SR9 / 10:10 am / 13.930 km** » via Col de Carabes (1261m), the natural border between the Drôme and Hautes-Alpes departments, followed by « **Laborel – Montauban-sur-l'Ouvèze / SR10 / 11:40 am / 20.865 km** » with Col de Perty (1302m) on the way. The midday pause is scheduled in **Buis les Baronnies** from **12:55 pm**. All remaining crews will then take on « **Sainte-Jalle – Rémuzat / SR11 / 1:30 pm / 16.673 km** », via Col de Soubeyrand (987m) and, last but not least, « **Recoubeau-Jansac – Pennes-le-Sec / SR12 / 3:05 pm / 16.282 km** » through the well-known Col de Pennes (1040m). The last pause of the day, before heading back to **Valence (5:20 pm)** will happen on Place du Champ de Mars in **Crest** with a checkpoint from **4:25 pm**.

On **Tuesday February 6**, the start from **Valence** is scheduled for **7 am**. The first stage of **Part 3** of the **Common Leg** will be the famous « **Saint-Nazaire-le-Désert – La-Motte-Chalancon / SR13 / 8:45 am / 19.987 km** », soon followed by « **Roussieux – Laborel / SR 14 / 10:00 am / 19.932 km** » where all crews will have to pass Col de Reychasset (1052m) and Col de Pierre-Vesce (1013m) successively. Then, heading for the **Principality of Monaco**, the last stage of the day will be « **Collongues – Col de Saint-Raphaël / SR15 / 1:55 pm / 19.738 km** ». And the entering Parc Fermé in **Monaco** is scheduled from **4:35 pm**.

The **Final Leg**, during the night of **Tuesday February 6** to **Wednesday 7**, will start at **9 pm** in **Monaco**. And two monuments of **Monte-Carlo Rally** will be on the cards: « **Sospel – Col de Turini / SR 16 / 10:15 pm / 19.774 km** », with a finish line at the top, as in most recent WRC versions, and « **La Cabanette – Col de Braus / SR17 / 11:15 pm / 13.811 km** » passing through Col de L'Orme (1000m) and Col de l'Ablé (1149m). The first crews will be expected on **Port Herculis** in **Monaco** around **00:55 am**.

Finally, in keeping with tradition, the **Gala Night and Prize Ceremony** will happen on the evening of **Wednesday February 7** in the prestigious **Salle des Etoiles** at **Monte-Carlo Sporting Club** (dark suit).